Sharing of G3 Spectrum

*340. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sharing of G3 Spectrum by various cell phone and land line companies has not been resolved by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, by when the existing dispute would be resolved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken decision on allotment of 3G spectrum.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Entry of international players in energy sector

2449. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to allow private firms to build and operate nuclear power plants in the country;

(b) whether Government have examined all aspects of security concerns and risk factors in allowing private sector in this field;

(c) whether Government are also willing to relax norms to allow entry of International players in energy sector to meet country's growing energy demand which would go up to 3,880 billion KWH reportedly by 2031-32; and

(d) whether apart from United States, Government have sought co-operation of any other country to meet our growing demand in nuclear energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): The Atomic Energy Act, 1962 allows nuclear power generation by Government company in which not less than 51 % is held by the Central Government. Private Sector companies already participate in construction of nuclear power plants. No decision has been taken on private sector ownership and operation of nuclear power plants.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) India is exploring co-operation with all potential partners for supply of equipment. However, there is no question of relaxing safety and other norms.

Installation of AHWR in India

†2450. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether world's first Advanced Heavy Water Reactor (AHWR) is going to be installed in India;

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